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Xmas Dance Marks Start of Yuletide

Yuletide festivities at Shaker will commence with the annual Christmas Dance on December 16, putting everybody in a holiday mood for the vacation to follow.

All the traditional glamour and fun of the season are promised by the chairmen, Joe Hacker and Bonnie Markey.

Jolly jingles, rippling rhythms, and joyous jazz will be blown, strummed, and thumped by Bob Pattie and his band.

Alumni Invited

Admission is \$1.50 per couple. Donning now our gay apparel, costuming will be party dresses for girls and dark suits for boys. Merrymaking begins at 8.45 p.m. and the bell tolls at midnight. Shaker alumni are also invited to join in the fun.

Judy Morse and Gail Smith will "deck the halls with boughs of holly." The wassail bowl will be kept flowing by Tom Hardesty and committee. The chief herald for the affair is Betsey Burton. Ducat dispenser is Dick Zager.

The mistletoe is on the house.

JCOWA Promises Busy Year; Features Mock U.N. Assembly

The first thing Dan Tinman, president of the Junior Council on World Affairs, asks anyone who talks about his club is, "Are you a member?" Dan and the other officers of the club, Ted Schwarz, vice-president; Joan Winer, secretary; and Reed Morton, treasurer, have recently completed a membership campaign which began at the opening of school.

Now working with over a hundred members, Dan is looking forward to an extensive, interesting, and educational program for 1961-1962. Most of the lectures and discussions will concern the lives of citizens and students from African and Asian countries. These speakers are usually college students who are studying in America to obtain the best possible education before returning to their homes.

Refugee Speaks

One speaker the club has had already, however, did not fit this category. He was a refugee from Bulgaria who escaped Communist oppression there just recently. The speaker for the December 7 meeting was an African from the recently formed nation of Ghana, who spoke on the problems facing his new country.

The biggest project of the year for J.C.O.W.A. members is the mock United Nations assembly scheduled to take place in the early months of 1962. The assembly will be held in a Greater Cleveland high school, and each member of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs will present a single country and take part in debate and discussion like that of the United Nations. Even the topics discussed will parallel those facing the United Nations at present. The Junior Council



Ellen Bravo learns about Policy Committee from Fred Cohen, Bill Ginsberg, and David Goldberg.

Social Council's Paperback Bookstore To Beckon to Bookworms and Browsers

Don't come to school dances, stay home and read! It is hard to believe this recommendation would come from a member of the Social Council, but it might. In the very near future a paperback book store sponsored by the Social Council will be open to Shakerites.

Fourth and fifth periods daily volunteers will sell to students a variety of paperback books at retail prices. All reading material will be approved by a staff committee. It is hoped that in this way more varied reading

may be offered to Shakerites conveniently. Instead of going downtown, students may purchase these books in the game room off the Social Room at no extra expense. Although this service is a heavy responsibility, the Social Council hopes to encourage Shakerites to become more interested in the literary resources available to them.

Volunteers Needed

Heading this committee of the Council, general chairmen Louise Cort and Fred Cohen will see that there is always an assortment of books and will accept recommendations from students and staff. By adding this service to our school Shaker joins other Lake Erie League schools who have already established it.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to work in the paperback store is asked to contact Miss Nancy Hollister. Volunteers are needed and the more there are, the more efficient will be the operation of the store.

Shakerites have requested a paperback book store; it is hoped they will use it and make it successful.

Cafeteria Delights Hungry Shakerites

Three new lunch lines (for hot food), which have replaced last year's two lines, have helped make Shaker's remodeled cafeteria operate smoothly and conveniently.

These serving lines contain the latest in cooking equipment. Cold metal plates keep salads and fruit dishes chilled, and milk is cooled in lowered containers called "aters."

"We are not really in full force yet because the dishroom is not operating, and that limits the serving of hot foods," explained Mrs. Lucille Myers, Cafeteria Manager. Mrs. Myers stated that there has been very good acceptance of the food.

The cafeteria is manned by the same staff as last year. Nerty Kaufman, Alan Rose, Ted Schwartz, Loren Selman, and Barry Shapiro assist the staff by helping at the counters. John Adams, Mark Shensa, Dick Stanford, and Dick Zager are the cashiers.

Policy Committee Explores Possible Spirit Boosters

By Ellen Bravo

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." The Student Council has formed a new committee in order to arouse enthusiasm and to suggest and promote policies for the improvement of the Council.

The committee feels that members of the student body are indifferent to the proceedings of student government. The group is trying to improve policies by studying the operations of the council and by stirring interest and active participation. The committee, headed by David Goldberg, includes George Blumenthal, Fred Cohen, Allan Farkas, Fred Forster, Bill Ginsberg, Barry Krantz, Hank Kronenberg, Tom Humphrey, Bruce Ratner, Jim Ratner, Howard Reese, Rolly Simon, Gerry Sindell, and Judy Stonehill.

Review of Speeches

Thus far the committee has studied Student Council policies and goals to try to single out specific problems. It has gone through old campaign speeches, selected the important planks, and presented these to the council. Other suggestions have been made to the executive board. The committee also intends to

set up assemblies designed to promote school spirit.

David Goldberg mentioned that while the council is achieving its goals in its service projects, it has failed in other respects. For example, a problem has occurred as a result of juniors' driving to school and parking in friends' driveways or farther down Aldersyde. The policy announced last year which stated that juniors were not permitted to drive to school did not define "driving to school." This year new legislation will have to be introduced to clear up the situation.

Members Wanted

This committee has no limit on membership and those wishing to join may contact David Goldberg, H.R. 116. In the future the group hopes to iron out many difficulties and to encourage students to take a more active interest in the Student Council.

Enthusiastic English Students Combine Food and Fitzgerald

Every Friday, John Pickering's senior Advanced Placement English class meets with him for a combined fourth and fifth period seminar. These seminars diversify the English program by providing the opportunity to thoroughly examine a topic not directly included in the curriculum.

During the next five weeks, Mr. Pickering will lead seminar discussions on *The Great Gatsby*, *Light in August*, *The Stranger*, *The Catcher in the Rye*, *The Trial*, and *Heart of Darkness*. After this series, each student will have the opportunity to select a literary work or an area of study and lead a discussion himself. This will involve his own preparation of the material and a plan for its presentation.

The students are quite willing to accept the challenge of doing this extra work. Gerry Sindell

explained, "We have all wanted to discuss the greater works of this century and we are delighted with the opportunity we now have. The success of the seminars has been indicated by the unanimous enthusiasm of our class."

The seminar carries right through lunch period, so the students eat their noonday meal during the discussions. Rusty Spaeth says, "When students are willing to give up their lunch periods, and when a teacher has this desire to teach, seminars like this are a fine idea."

As an instructor, one of Mr. Pickering's aims is to avoid "complete teacher domination." He feels that students should not only be permitted, but also encouraged to pursue their individual academic interests. In having the students choose the selections to be discussed and direct the classes themselves, he is allowing them both intellectual freedom and greater flexibility in their program. Yet at the same time, his students are directing their motivation and are learning disciplines.

The seminar program is not the only unusual aspect of the week. Wednesdays are free days in that the students are free to do any independent study they choose, either in the classroom or the library. The explanation for free days is that Mr. Pickering believes, "Five classes a week are too monotonous and even the best students are not prepared to recite each day."

Members of Mathematics Club Solve Problems, Hear Speakers

Problems! Problems! Problems! If you enjoy working with such things as logarithms and a new form of Tic Tac Toe, you will be interested in the Shaker Mathematics Society, popularly known as the Math Club, which meets weekly on Thursday at 3:30 in room 101.

The society, guided by its president Ralph Levy and vice-president Mark Knoll, is the first of its kind in Shaker and one of the few in the city. It does not have much to follow in the way of precedent and is free to formulate its own plan of organization and topics of discussion.

The society plans to have guest speakers who will inform the members on progress in the field of mathematics and encourage the students in their efforts

to unravel the mysteries of one of the most exact sciences.

The club members discuss different fields of mathematics not usually covered in regular math courses and attempt to solve unusual and interesting problems, many of which are born in the fertile minds of their officers.

The club tackles a new problem each week in what is known as the Challenge System. The members work on it during the week and discover at their next meeting whether their manipulations are correct.

Around the Town

Pre-Vacation Blues Vanish With Movies, Music, Theatre

By Stuart Friedman

The unmistakable signs of vacation are here: students walking in a daze; teachers crossing the days off their calendars; seniors finally beginning to fill out their college applications. To keep everybody from thinking wistfully about the exact number of hours until vacation, these next few weeks contain some of the best events of the season.

For live entertainment the Hanna Theatre is now presenting the devastating satire on popular music and crooners, "Bye Bye Birdie." This play will run until two-school-days-before-Christmas. At the Playhouse, "Roman Candle" is still holding its own at the Euclid-77th Theatre; and on December 13 (one week before vacation) "The Pleasure of His Company" will open at the Drury. This comedy tells of a playboy father returning to his daughter and stealing her heart from her fiancé.

"Movies are Better than Ever," says the advertisement, and for once Madison Avenue is right. At the Heights Art Theatre, for example, the drama "General Della Rovere" is currently appearing. Starring Vittorio De Sica, this movie concerns life in Italy during the Second World War. At the Continental Art, the English comedy "A Weekend with Lulu" will soon be replaced by "The Would-Be Gentleman." Walt Disney's production (with considerable change) of Victor Herbert's "Babes in Toyland" will soon start at the Allen Theater. Stars Tommy Sands and Annette are expected to draw the crowds to this one, no matter what their effect in the play.

Museum Offers Movies

Free movies always seem to have more appeal just before Christmas time. At the Art Museum such films as "Darkness at Noon" and "Shamus and the Big Bluff" will be shown. "Darkness at Noon," a 1956 Japanese venture to be shown this evening, protests police brutality; and "Shamus" is an Irish movie scheduled for next Saturday. While at the Art Museum, it might be a good idea to see the exhibit of Van Gogh masterpieces now there.

The Cleveland Orchestra is going modern for a few weeks, starting with tomorrow's performance of "Oedipus Rex," an opera-oratorio by Igor Stravinsky.

sky. Next week, in addition to Beethoven's First Symphony, the Orchestra will present "Symphony for Strings" by American William Schuman and Sir William Walton's "Belshazzar's Feast."

Faculty Spotlight

Teacher Suggests Adding More Shakespeare, Greek Drama to Enrich English Department

By Burton Randall

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of what we hope will be a series of articles by faculty members. We invite all teachers to submit columns about anything they consider important.

To say that a school is excellent is not to say that it is perfect. No human organism is perfect. This is true of our high school.

It is insufficiently recognized that those who most sincerely strive for excellence are precisely those who insist we have not attained perfection, and, conversely, that those who most strive to maintain the external appearance of perfection least serve the goals of excellence. That which is worth improving is never improved except through outspoken and constructive criticism. Providing the opportunity for this is one of the strengths of a democracy.

Excellence is seldom achieved by discarding a functioning system and replacing it with a new one. In our world of realities, one cannot found Utopias overnight. What one does in the attempt is to wreck all that is worthwhile in what exists. And often one cannot replace it.

Useful improvement in complex organisms is made slowly. A pertinent example is our system of constitutional law, in which, year by year, amendment by amendment, the basic instrument is made more effective, more humane, more adaptable to the changing human condition. This is the only way. One need only look at sharply contrasting countries, Red China for example, to see that it is.



Employment Bureau members ardently discussing pressing problems.

The Shakerite is both an expression of student opinion and a voice of the whole school. Perhaps it has not sufficiently drawn on faculty opinion. Student and faculty purpose should be the same. Both need expression. The writer believes that good schools in modern American education are as closely pressed by ignorance as a pioneering settlement of civilized men in a jungle clearing.

In our seven-period school day, are we using the time and talents of our students and faculty, to best advantage? Really, to best advantage? Are we all, students and faculty, making best use of the 55-minute class period? Education is hard work. Often it is work of a kind which can be fun, but never the fun of time-wasting.

Does the faculty sufficiently recognize its responsibility to teach the great works of the past and present which are essential in the heritage of Western man? And do students sufficiently

realize that, however sophisticated, they are young and from the old may learn to appreciate and to enjoy mature works which, at first, they may not like?

Are we, as an excellent school, using modern technology profitably? Do we rely on it too much and forget that education really happens between people, that machines can only help? Are the movies we show in any department always the best we can get? And are they made a meaningful part of the program whose time they share?

The writer holds that junior English as well as sophomore and senior should include a Shakespeare play and that junior and senior year should each include a Greek drama. In translation Greek drama is much easier to read than is Shakespeare; modern translations are lively and pleasing in style. The tragic problems examined in Greek drama are precisely those of the modern world, and in structure Greek drama is basic to the development of modern drama.

Bureau Members Assist Students In Search of Jobs

If you desire a full or part-time job, look no farther! The Student Employment Bureau, headed by Jim Ratner, may be able to find just the work you want.

This plan, inaugurated last year for the first time, has helped many Shakerites find the type of employment they want. In order to be eligible for placement, all you have to do is to submit an application telling the bureau the type of work in which you are interested. The agency places students in clerical work, yard work, delivery work, and a wide variety of other jobs.

Strong Response to Program

Jim's committee has much responsibility in this program. Each member reaches various employers either by letter or in person to find out about job openings. The committee has placed notices in the elementary school news letters and in the P.T.A. news, so that Shaker residents can know about this bureau.

Response to Shaker's new program has been strong. There have been 950 applicants so far, and as many as possible will be placed in jobs. Jim explained that when an employer calls in, the committee tries to find someone who seems most in need of the job and is most interested. It should be understood that once a person is told about an opening, it is then his responsibility to follow through.

Although there is a great amount of work that remains to be done, the Student Employment Bureau has been very successful. This idea was completely experimental, and there has been a large improvement since last year. The main thing that needs to be done is to make the community more aware of the service.

According to Jim, "There is a tremendous amount of work involved, but it pays off in the end, because you get to work around the community more, and to understand it better."

College Corner



Limited Classes, Unlimited Opportunities Provide Well-Balanced Williams Education

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of a series of letters written by former Shaker students. Louis Schaul, a freshman at Williams College, wrote the following in the form of a simulated interview.

Q—Compared to the work at Shaker, do you find the work Williams difficult?

A—It is really difficult only in that it requires a great deal of time.

Q—Are you allowed much freedom in the selection of your courses?

A—Since Williams is a liberal arts college, a firm background is expected. However, we are only required to take one course from each of three divisions, and then two electives. The divisions are Language and Arts, Social Sciences, and Science and Math.

Q—What do you think is best about Williams' academic program?

A—The classes are actually taught by teachers famous in their fields. This accessibility of fine teachers is coupled with small classes.

Q—What social activities does the school provide?

A—During the first month, Williams had mixers with Vassar, Skidmore, Mount Holyoke, and Smith. We also have a combined lecture program with Bennington.

Q—What about cultural opportunities?

A—Almost every night there is a lecture, concert, play, or panel discussion for the students to attend or participate in.

Q—Are you happy with the facilities at Williams?

A—Yes, for example I am in a triple, which consists of two bedrooms, a single and a

double, and a paneled living room with a fireplace. We have an excellent library which includes one of the finest record collections available in the country. Williamstown has a fine art museum and Williams has the oldest observatory in the country. The Roper Poll Center is also on campus, and its statistics are open to Williams' students at all times at no cost.

Q—Is there anything special about the student body in general?

A—I think the intellectual feeling and atmosphere about the school is pretty special. I am also amazed at how well-traveled many of the boys are. For example in my dorm, six out of 20 have been abroad. Many of the boys are also very talented and have skills in non-academic areas.

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Shaker Students Plan to Take European Tour For Thirty-Seven Days of Leisure and Culture

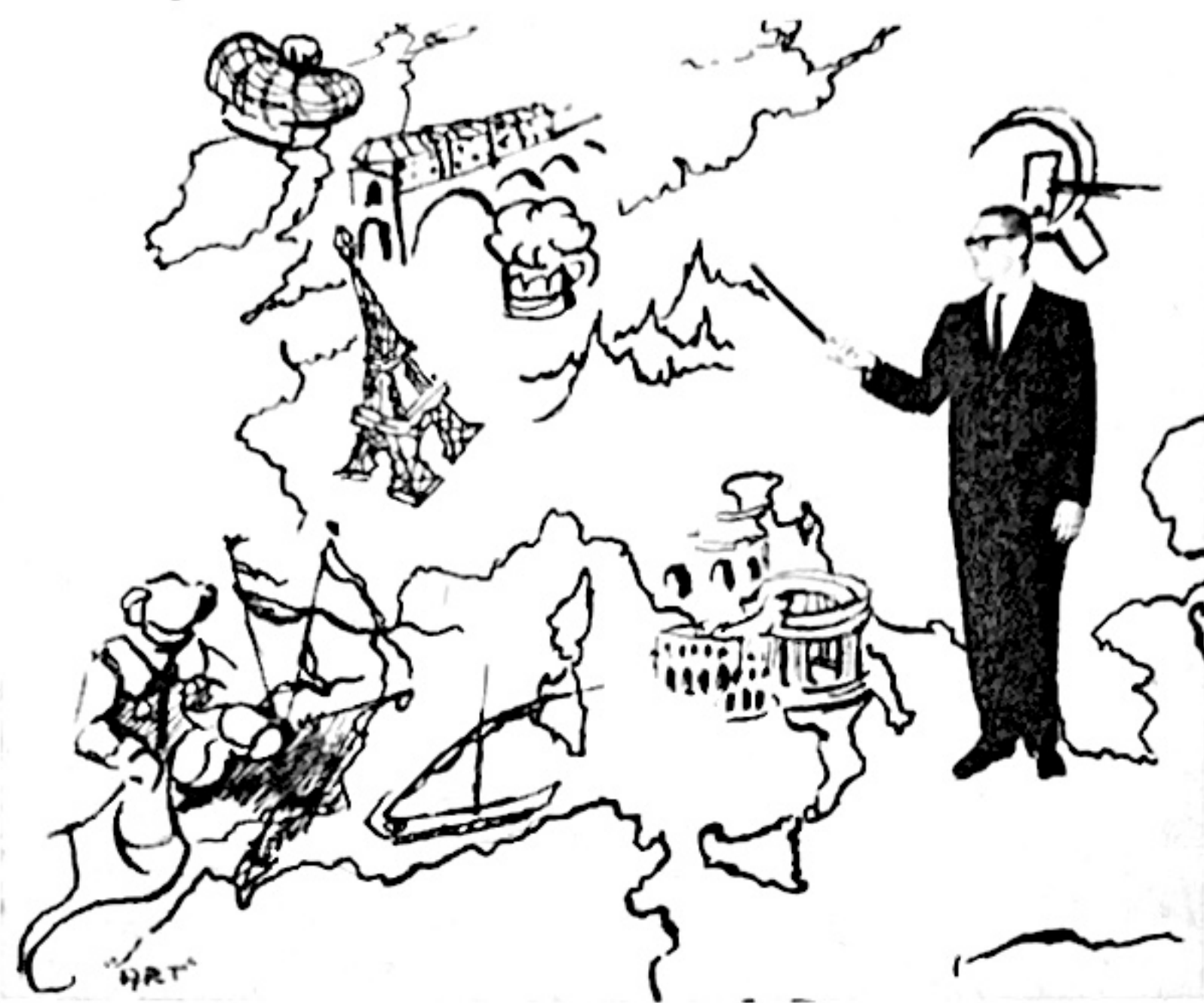
The graduation present of a summer trip to Europe is in the offing for at least fifteen Shaker High students.

John Pickering, of the English Department, is planning to chaperone a thirty-seven day trip to Europe. Five years ago he made a similar European trip with Shaker students.

Shortly after final grades have been handed out in June, the group will fly direct from Cleveland to London, where they will spend four days. Besides the fascination of London, the students will attend a Shakespearean play at Stratford. Then they journey to Amsterdam, Holland. In Amsterdam the tourists pick up their motorcoach which will transport them until they reach Paris.

Steamboating on Rhine

During the four days spent in Germany, a steamship trip on the Rhine River is planned, as well as a night in Heidelberg. After seeing Lucerne, Switzerland, Italy is the next stop, featuring visits to Milan, Venice, Rome, Florence, Naples, Capri, and the Italian Riviera. The



Mr. Pickering points out places which he and a group of seniors will visit for thirty-seven days this summer.

group will attend the open-air opera in Rome, and will swim in the Adriatic and Mediterranean.

They will spend an evening in Nice, and plan to visit Monte Carlo, then to Paris for four days. The group will fly to Ma-

drid for three days, then to Lisbon, Portugal, and home again.

A Courier's Aid

When the students arrive in London, a courier will meet and accompany them throughout the trip to facilitate customs procedures and baggage and to furnish commentary on the trip. Extreme care will be taken to insure that the students will experience the cultural and educational highlights everywhere they go.

A day of leisure, to be spent as each person desires, is planned in each large city. A woman chaperone will be present as well as Mr. Pickering. This trip is not school-sponsored.

Girls Physical Education Staff Initiates Survival Curriculum

By Rusty Spoth

The girls' physical education classes have opened their exhibit of achievements in Arts and Crafts in the smelly old Girls' Gym. The exhibit shows what the girls are learning in physical education classes and will inform students as to the general direction and purposes of physical education.

The gym has been decorated in a woodland motif—like with hanging moss, gritty floors, snakes. Miss Hollersteer's gang of rabid paint-fingers have artfully painted hunting and wild-life scenes on the walls. Center of the show is the Deer Butchery exhibit. Girls clad in sinful animal skins demonstrate the manner in which their physical education classes have physically educated them to hunt deer at Shaker Lake with only bow and arrow. Visitors who arrive late at the show can guide themselves to this exhibit by locating the source of the distinctive odor of rotting venison (then again, they might wind up in the boys' locker room).

In another corner of the gym is the Priestess of Diana Hunt Club Booth. Seventeen clear-skinned young ladies explain with posters and speeches the feats of bravery they have performed to gain admission to the club. This year's initiation involved standing in the path of a charging 1954 Oldsmobile, leaping aside at the last split second, and then stabbing the flanks of the passing car with the business end of a circle pin.

A third exhibit shows the trampoline method of slaughter-

ing animals for food. Five prim ladies carrying baseball bats, hockey sticks, and other precision athletic instruments, will beat a Walt Disney Baby Elephant savagely about the head. The animal will run for shelter beneath a waiting trampoline. Once under the trampoline, the elephant is humanely flattened by sprightly bouncing woodland nymphs.

The blast effects of weapons which we will never formally use (but which we might use as informal political influences) will change college plans for many Shaker students. Teaching basic survival techniques, such as the ability to paint a girls' gym in charming woodland motifs, is important if Shaker students are to exhume and dust off the new frontier. The girls' display of concern over survival in the informal war to come is a pleasant sign that school curriculum concerned with trivia is at long last devoting time to essentials.

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Orangemen Whip Cagers in Opener

Shaker High's Red Raiders dropped their opening ball game to the Orange High Lions, 49-41, on Wednesday night, November 22, at Orange.

Cold shooting, mediocre defense, and almost a complete lack of rebounding hurt the Raiders in their first outing. The Raiders trailed 16-8 at the end of the first quarter and never came close to catching the Lions.

Height was an important factor in the game as Orange's 6-foot 4-inch pivot man, Dan Ruminski, scored 19 points, mainly on tip-ins over the shorter Raiders, and collared 31 rebounds to dominate both backboards. Many of Ruminski's defensive rebounds led the Lions on fast breaks which the Raiders could not handle.

Offensively, the Raiders did a good job passing around and inside Orange's zone defense, only to miss too many good shots. Another difference came at the foul line. Both teams dumped in eighteen field goals but Orange outshot Shaker from the foul line 13-5, the exact margin of victory. Tom Humphrey had 12 points, Pete Fager 10, and sophomore Jerry Goetz 8 to lead the Shaker attack.

Shaker's starting five against Orange was composed of Steve Abrams and Pete Fager, both 5' 8", Tom Humphrey 5'11", Bob Rawson 6'0", and Jerry Goetz 6'2".



Tom Humphrey tallies two points as Raiders fall to Orange, 49-41.

Raiders Victorious Over Brush After Falling to Brecksville

Rebounding after two successive losses, Shaker's Red Raider basketball team defeated the Brush Arcs 52-40 at Woodbury Junior High on Saturday, December 2. The night before the Raiders dropped a 49-28 decision to Brecksville's Bees.

Clutch foul shooting made the difference against Brush as Bob Rawson, Ron Mesnick, Larry Lukasik, and Jerry Goetz combined to sink eight straight foul shots and clinch the game late in the fourth quarter.

Shaker was erratic as they twice lost five-point leads. Three minutes before half-time the Raiders led 21-16, but the Arcs evened the score 21-21 at the intermission. Going into the fourth quarter the Raiders again led by five points, 34-29, but Brush equalized the score midway through the period. Here, however, the Raiders started

dropping in their foul shots to pull away.

Sharp Shaker passing broke the Brush zone wide open. First Bob Rawson loosened the zone with long jump shots and then the Raiders passed to Larry Lukasik wide open in the middle as the Brush zone spread to stop the long shots.

Rawson finished with 16 points, Lukasik with 14, and Abrams with 10 to pace the Raider scoring.

The Brecksville Bees played superlative basketball on Friday night to crush the Raiders. Brecksville's defense was outstanding and Shaker simply did not get the good shots it needed to stay in contention.

The Bees took an 11-6 first period lead and outscored the Raiders in every period thereafter to build up their twenty-one point margin of victory. The Raiders played a fine defensive game, but the Bees hit on 49% of their shots from the floor.

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Mermen Face Berea In First Meet Tonight

By Dick Prentke

A rigid schedule and difficult league competition await the Shaker swimmers in the forthcoming season. Seven returning varsity mermen and sundry members of last year's Jay-Vee swimming team will form an experienced squad.

Coach Stark believes that the Lakewood swimmers will supply the greatest competition, but all L.E.L. teams will be rough. Several independent teams will also threaten Raider supremacy. Although last year Shaker placed fourth in the State Meet, Coach Stark sees a better showing in the State Meet for this year's team.

Seniors Bill Haas, Bob Turnbull, State-Champion Bill Smith, Robby Feldman, and Captain Jim Myers, and juniors Dave Herkner and Jim Orr will constitute the nucleus of the team.

Several time trials have been held, with fairly good times recorded. The first meet of the season will be held at Berea, a perennially strong swimming school, this afternoon.

Berea has only one returning letterman, Mathis, a backstroke, and very little depth. Talent from local swim clubs will augment the team, however, and they still remain as rugged competition.

Grapplers Fall As West Tech Takes First

The Red Raider varsity grapplers were downed, 16-29, in their first meet of the season by the mighty West Tech squad on Friday, December 1. The JayVee matmen started the season with a decisive win, smothering their West Tech opponents.

Roger Davies, a 103-pounder, clashed with West Tech's captain, and was pinned. Jim Eisenberg, at 112 pounds, scored Shaker's first win, by pinning his opponent Weiss and Dann followed by losing their matches on close decisions.

Dick Page, wearing the 133 jersey, defeated his fast-moving foe, and Steve Posner, at 145, won on a decision, while Les Janis was unable to get started and fell to his 138-pound opponent.

Jeff Johnston, at 154, and Norty Levine, at 165, were pinned by overpowering opponents. Shaker Captain, Joe Petko, wrestling at 175 pounds, pinned his man after only twenty-three seconds of the first period.

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As I See It . . .

By Dick Stanford

Tonight the Shaker basketball squad will begin their league competition at Euclid and once again the question arises: how well will they do? From the results of the three games played so far, little can be seen in the way of a trend. The Raiders dropped a game to Orange which had only one really tall man, then trounced Brush, which has more height than Orange, one week later. At Orange, Shaker played a one-shot game, giving nearly every rebound to the Orangemen; against Brush, the shorter Shaker five controlled the boards.

No one can predict league honors for the Raiders, but the future now seems brighter than it did just one week ago. With the right combination of sharp shooting and ball handling, Shaker can win its share of games this year. The number of games we will probably depend largely on the number of baskets we can make on the first try, as there will be few nights when we will control the boards to any extent. For this reason, Shaker has played and will continue to play control ball: holding the ball for a good shot. This system works well until a shot is missed.

In my last column I stated that Shaker had had its most successful season in at least a dozen years. I would like to clarify this for former Raider Coach Jim Halderman and several alumni. Shaker had better records than this fall's two times, 8-1 in 1955 and 6-2-1 in 1956, but they never gained even a share of the championship. It was on this that I based my statement.

I welcome all comments, good or bad, on everything appearing in this column. I would like to emphasize that this column is written under my name and under a title which clearly indicates that it is my opinion. Anyone wishing to criticize the column should likewise use his name and state his criticisms directly to me. Many student have carried the opinions of staff members to me, yet I have not heard directly from these teachers.

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